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In re patent application of

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METHOD FOR TREATING

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed in the above-captioned application on June 24, 1998.

Petition is hereby made for a three-month extension of time to and including December 24, 1998. A check is attached in full payment of all fees believed to be due in connection with the submission of this paper. If the amount is incorrect, however, the Commissioner is authorized to make appropriate charges or credits to Deposit Account 19-0741 to provide exact payment.

Reconsideration and examination of the application in light of the amendments and remarks herein set forth is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 8, 14 and 15 in their entirety, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

Please amend claims 1-6, 10 and 13 as follows:

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